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Our Case No.: 9683/88

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takeshi NATSUNO

Serial No.: 09/868,477

Filing Date: June 18, 2001

For: ELECTRONIC-COMMERCE CONTRACTS
MEDIATING METHOD AND MOBILE
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2681

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Prior art reference C1 and C3 were cited in an Office Action issued in a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed with this Statement. Prior art references C1 and C3 are both in Japanese. Applicant is submitting prior art reference C2, which is a counterpart EPO application of prior art reference C1. For prior art reference C3, Applicant is submitting an English abstract.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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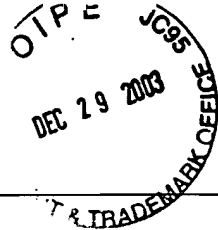
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	C1	JP10-143570	05/29/1998	Japan		Yes
	C2	EP 0 843 290 A2	05/20/1998	EPO		
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	C3	Nikkei Digital Money Systems, No. 54, Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., November 15, 1999 p.5
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